

We claim:

1. A comestible fluid container rack adapted to support a comestible fluid container, the comestible fluid container rack comprising:

5 a first vertical support;

a second vertical support;

a first stretcher extending from the first vertical support;

a second stretcher extending between the first and second vertical supports, the second stretcher coupled to the first stretcher;

10 a first support coupled to and extending from the first stretcher; and

a second support coupled to and extending from the second stretcher, the second support movable with respect to the first support such that at least a portion of the second support overlaps at least a portion of the first support in at least one relative position of the second support with respect to the first support.

15 2. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, further comprising a stop extending from the first support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the first support.

3. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 2, wherein the stop includes at least one
20 portion shaped to receive and support a comestible fluid conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

4. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second supports includes a loop adapted to receive and support a conduit fluidly connected with
25 the comestible fluid container.

5. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, wherein:

the first support comprises a first portion extending from the first stretcher and a second portion extending substantially laterally from the first portion and defining a widened portion of
30 the first support for supporting the comestible fluid container thereon; and

the second support comprises a first portion extending from the second stretcher and a second portion extending substantially laterally from the first portion and defining a widened portion of the second support for supporting the comestible fluid container thereon.

6. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 5, wherein the second portion of the first support overlaps the first portion of the second support in at least one position of the first support with respect to the second support.

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7. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 5, wherein the second portion of the first support nests with the second portion of the second support in at least one position of the first support with respect to the second support.

10 8. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, wherein the first stretcher is in telescoping relationship with the second stretcher, and wherein the first and second supports are movable with respect to one another by moving the first and second stretchers in telescoping relationship with one another.

15 9. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 8, further comprising:
a first stop extending laterally from the first support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the first support; and
a second stop extending laterally from the second support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the second support, wherein the first and second stops overlap
20 one another in at least one telescoping position of the first stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

10. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, wherein the second stretcher extends from the second vertical support.

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11. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, further comprising a third stretcher extending from the second vertical support and in telescoping relationship with the second stretcher, wherein the first and second stretchers are in telescoping relationship with one another.

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12. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 11, further comprising a third support coupled to and extending from the third stretcher, wherein the third support is movable with respect to the second support such that at least a portion of the third support overlaps at least a portion of the second support in at least one telescoping position of the third stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

13. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 1, wherein the first support is oriented with respect to the first stretcher such that the comestible fluid container is supported on the first support at an angle with respect to a horizontal plane.

14. A comestible fluid container rack adapted to support a comestible fluid container, the comestible fluid container rack comprising:

a first vertical support;

a second vertical support;

a first stretcher extending from the first vertical support;

a second stretcher extending between the first and second vertical supports, the second stretcher coupled to the first stretcher;

a first support coupled to and extending from the first stretcher; and

a second support coupled to and extending from the second stretcher, the second support movable with respect to the first support such that at least a portion of the second support nests within a portion of the first support in at least one relative position of the second support with respect to the first support.

15. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, further comprising a stop extending from the first support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the first support.

16. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 15, wherein the stop includes at least one portion shaped to receive and support a comestible fluid conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

17. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein at least one of the first and second supports includes a loop adapted to receive and support a conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

18. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein:

the first support comprises a first portion extending from the first stretcher and a second portion extending substantially laterally from the first portion and defining a widened portion of the first support for supporting the comestible fluid container thereon; and

the second support comprises a first portion extending from the second stretcher and a second portion extending substantially laterally from the first portion and defining a widened portion of the second support for supporting the comestible fluid container thereon.

19. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 18, wherein the second portions of the first and second supports nest with respect to one another in at least one position of the first support with respect to the second support.

20. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein the second portions of the first and second supports nest with respect to one another in at least one position of the first support with respect to the second support.

21. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein the first stretcher is in telescoping relationship with the second stretcher, and wherein the first and second supports are movable with respect to one another by moving the first and second stretchers in telescoping relationship with one another.

22. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 21, further comprising:

a first stop extending laterally from the first support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the first support; and

a second stop extending laterally from the second support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the second support, wherein the first and second stops overlap one another in at least one telescoping position of the first stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

23. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein the second stretcher extends from the second vertical support.

24. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, further comprising a third stretcher extending from the second vertical support and in telescoping relationship with the second stretcher, wherein the first and second stretchers are in telescoping relationship with one another.

25. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 24, further comprising a third support coupled to and extending from the third stretcher, wherein the third support is movable with respect to the second support such that at least a portion of the third support and at least a portion of the second support nest with respect to one another in at least one telescoping position of the third stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

26. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 14, wherein the first support is oriented with respect to the first stretcher such that the comestible fluid container is supported on the first support at an angle with respect to a horizontal plane.

27. A comestible fluid container rack adapted to support a comestible fluid container, the comestible fluid container rack comprising:

first and second vertical supports;

a first stretcher coupled to and extending laterally between the first and second vertical supports;

a support coupled to the first stretcher at a location between the first and second vertical supports; and

an extension coupled to and extending substantially laterally with respect to the support, the extension having at least one surface upon which the comestible fluid container rests and defining a widened area of support upon which the comestible fluid container rests.

28. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, further comprising:

third and fourth vertical supports; and

a second stretcher coupled to and extending laterally between the third and fourth vertical supports;

wherein the support is coupled to the second stretcher at a location between the third and fourth vertical supports and is supported by the first and second stretchers.

29. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, further comprising a stop coupled to the support and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container on the support and the extension.

30. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 29, wherein the stop includes a conduit support shaped to receive and support a comestible fluid conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

31. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, wherein the support extends substantially transversely with respect to the stretcher.

32. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, wherein the support includes a loop adapted to receive and support a conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

33. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, wherein the extension is a first extension, the comestible fluid container rack further comprising:

a second stretcher coupled to and extending laterally between the first and second vertical supports;

a second support coupled to the second stretcher at a location between the first and second vertical supports; and

a second extension coupled to and extending substantially laterally with respect to the second support, the second extension having at least one surface upon which at least one comestible fluid container rests.

34. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 33, wherein the first stretcher is in telescoping relationship with the second stretcher, and wherein the first and second supports are movable with respect to one another by moving the first stretcher and the second stretcher in telescoping relationship with one another.

35. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 33, wherein the first extension at least partially overlaps at least one of the second support and the second extension in at least one relative position of the first stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

36. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 33, wherein the first extension at least partially nests with the second extension in at least one relative position of the first stretcher with respect to the second stretcher.

5 37. The comestible fluid container rack of claim 27, wherein the support is oriented on the first stretcher such that the comestible fluid container is supported on the extension at an angle with respect to a horizontal plane.

38. A support adapted to support a comestible fluid container on a comestible fluid container
10 rack having front and rear lateral stretchers, the support comprising:
a first portion adapted to be supported on opposite ends by the front and rear stretchers,
respectively; and
a second portion located between the opposite ends of the first portion, the second portion
extending substantially laterally from the first portion to define a widened area of the support
15 upon which the comestible fluid container rests.

39. The support of claim 38, further comprising a stop extending from the first portion and oriented to maintain the comestible fluid container upon the first and second portions.

20 40. The support of claim 39, wherein the stop includes at least one portion shaped to receive and support a comestible fluid conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

41. The support of claim 39, wherein the stop extends laterally from the first portion.

25 42. The support of claim 38, wherein the second portion extends transversely with respect to the first portion.

43. The support of claim 38, wherein the first portion includes a loop adapted to receive and support a conduit fluidly connected with the comestible fluid container.

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44. The support of claim 38, wherein the second portion extends laterally on opposite sides of the first portion.